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**VIA ECF**

Honorable Sarah Netburn, C. M. J.  
United States District Court,  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall Courthouse  
40 Foley Square, Rm. 219  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: Request to Appear Telephonically at Settlement Conference**  
***Timothy Rodgers v. Mercy College, et al***  
**Case No. 1:23-cv-07278**

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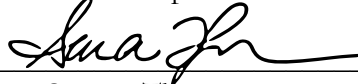
Your Honor:

We represent the defendant, William Latimer (“Dr. Latimer”), in the above-referenced action, which has been referred to the Court for a Settlement Conference on January 16, 2025. We write pursuant to paragraph “5” of Your Honor’s Procedures for Cases Referred to Settlement to request leave for Dr. Latimer to appear via telephone at the conference.

The reason for this request is that Dr. Latimer resides more than 100 miles from New York City in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. In addition, Dr. Latimer cares for his children before and after school hours and traveling to New York at this time would be a substantial scheduling and financial hardship for him and his family. The undersigned attorneys and a representative from Dr. Latimer’s insurance carrier with settlement authority will be in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

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